

1 in favor of the amendment?

2 Delegate Bennett.

3 DELEGATE BENNETT: Mr. Chairman, ladies and
4 gentlemen of the committee, I would like first of all to
5 disclaim the fact that in speaking for this amendment, any-
6 one has come to see me, that there has been any pressure
7 whatsoever upon me, and I come from a county with tens of
8 thousands of Federal workers in it, the great majority of
9 them belonging to some government employees union.

10 They have kept strictly away from me, and so
11 there are no pressures upon me when I speak in favor of
12 this amendment.

13 I speak and ask your indulgence, on just two
14 short points.

15 First of all, I think and believe that the
16 history of labor legislation shows the importance of
17 having something of this kind in the Constitution. Courts
18 have been notably conservative, not to say reactionary,
19 in interpreting the rights of the laboring people and
20 the rights of the General Assembly in enacting such legis-
21 lation.